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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT

¶1. On July 5, Embassy received diplomatic correspondence (No. 8/802/7 dated July 4, 2006) from the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) forwarding an Independence Day congratulatory message.

¶2. Text of Diplomatic Note:

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8/802/7

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to request that the following congratulatory message from the Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller, Prime Minister of Jamaica, be forwarded to the President of the United States of America, Honourable George W. Bush.

"The Government and People of Jamaica join me in extending sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Government and People of the United States of America on the occasion of your 230th anniversary of Independence.

As Americans everywhere celebrate this special day in their country's history, they can feel justly proud of the significant achievements of the United States in the process of nation-building and its economic and social development. The legacy of the fourth of July has become universal and assumes a special and different significance in each corner of the world. Here in Jamaica, we join with you in celebrating such a legacy by recommitting ourselves to the struggle for economic prosperity, social stability and justice.

Over the years, our two countries have enjoyed close and mutually beneficial relations, based on our shared values, adherence to democracy and the rule of law. In this vein, Jamaica remains strongly committed to maintaining dynamic and vibrant relations with the United States, and to working actively towards this goal in an atmosphere of dialogue, mutual respect and understanding. At the regional and multilateral levels it is our hope that we will continue our joint efforts to address the challenges on the hemispheric and global agendas.

Please accept our best wishes for peace and prosperity for the people of the United States of America."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Kingston, Jamaica
July 4, 2006

End Text.

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